

A. Election

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant's hereby elect to prosecute Group I claims 1-8 and 11 - 25 (query processing) are stated in the office action to be readable on this elected group.

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed for the reasons set forth in the next section

**B. Traverse**

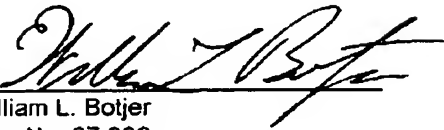
In response to the restriction requirement, applicant has elected to prosecute Group I claims 1-8 and 11 - 25 (query processing) which are stated in the office action to be readable on this elected group. The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed for the reasons set forth below.

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. It is submitted that restriction between groups I and II is unduly burdensome and wasteful of the resources of both the applicants and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by perhaps requiring separate filings, filing fees, office actions, responses, issue fees etc. for the filing of an additional application. It is noted that the inventions of groups I and II, are sufficiently related, and indeed classified *in the same class* with only the subclasses differing, such that a search of the elected claims is likely to encompass subclasses 3 and 6 of class 707. Thus the search of the non-elected claims will essentially already been made and to require a possible separate prosecution of the other method claims is unnecessary and wasteful of resources.

Accordingly removal of the restriction requirement between groups I and II is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this matter, the Examiner is requested to telephone the applicants' attorney at the numbers listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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